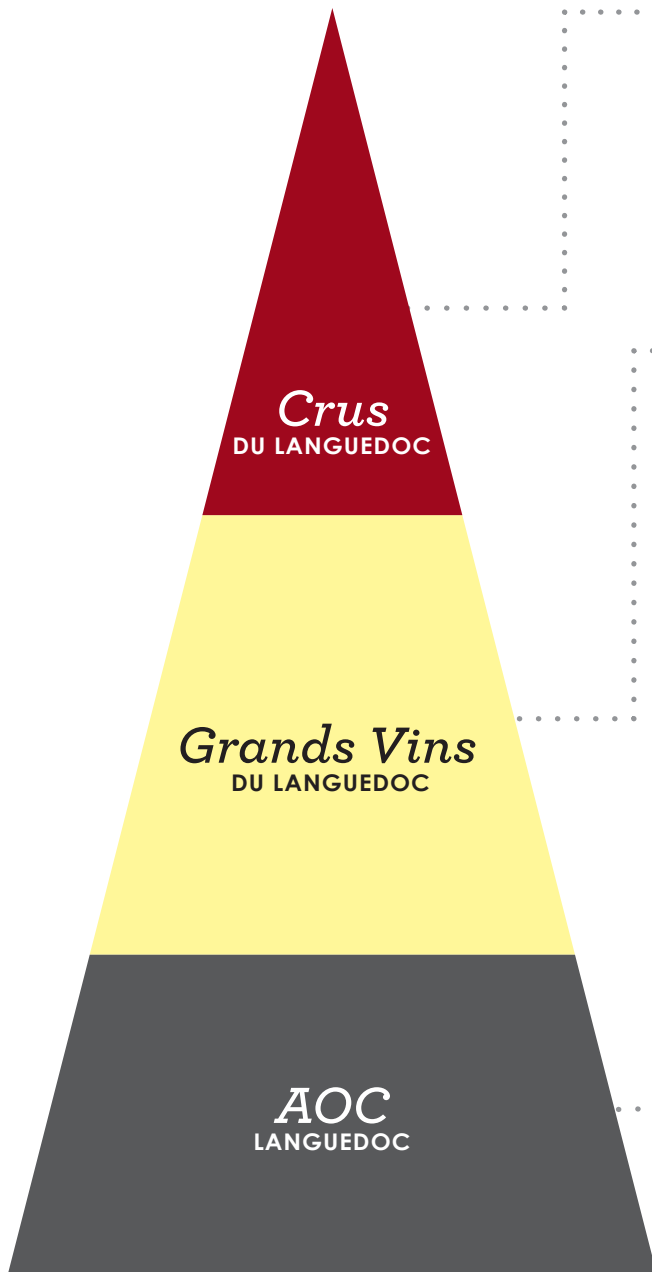


# Tiers Of Languedoc AOCs

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There are more than 30 AOCs in Languedoc. Still wine dominates production, but there are appellations for sparkling wines and sweet wines as well. Until recently, there was no visible hierarchy for the consumer. In 2007, the CIVL implemented the first steps to bring a more recognizable hierarchical system to the AOCs of Languedoc.



## ● *Crus du Languedoc – The Summit*

At the summit, are the “Crus” of Languedoc. These AOC wines come from more concentrated demarcated areas and are often produced in more limited quantities, making them the very top wines that the Languedoc has to offer. As of 2018 there are five approved AOCs in this tier.

## ● *Grand Vins du Languedoc – The Heart*

At the heart of the range, 60% of the region's total AOC production comprise the “Grands Vins” of Languedoc. These wines retail at slightly higher price points and are defined by their ability to express the distinguishing characteristics of the AOC from which they come. Within the Grand Vin tier, it is recognized that there may be small terroirs or producers who are exceptional and perhaps worthy of more individual status at a later date. The majority of AOCs in Languedoc fall into the Grand Vin tier.

## ● *AOC Languedoc – The Base*

With the 2007 vintage this became an official AOC and now serves as the base tier for the new tier system. Prior to 2007, there existed AOC Coteaux du Languedoc and 15 different sub-appellations could attach themselves to this nomenclature. Each of these sub-appellations is now working towards separate categorization in their own right. The term Coteaux du Languedoc will continue to appear on labels through 2017. This level represents about 30% of total AOC production.